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Shakespeare Here Oct. 29 Student Tickets—75c

by BOB LILLY

Margaret Webster who brings her famed Shakespearean troupe to Burlington this month under the auspices of St. Michael's College began a tour this week that will carry her through 34 states, presenting some 300 performances before the nation's colleges and universities. The company which will bring "Julius Caesar" and "Taming of the Shrew" to Memorial Auditorium under the sponsorship of the Knights and Knaves, College dramatic society, opened Monday at Rhode Island State College.

Tickets for the Burlington appearance went on sale this week. Ranging in price from reserved seats at $1.80 to student tickets at $.75, the ducats are being sold at Bailey's and McAuliffe's in Burlington as well as at the UVM bookstore and the St. Michael's bookstore.

Although the plays are being staged the same day as the football game with Loyola in Montreal, the Knights and Knaves officials expect a large number of the stay at home Michaelmen will be able to take in either or both of the productions.

Student tickets here at St. Michael's are being sold in the individual halls as well as in the bookstore.

For Miss Webster, one of the most brilliant minds in the American Theatre, this barnstorming of the nation's colleges and universities is the crystallization of a dream. In this, her second season, Miss Webster has again chosen two popular plays by the Bard, but eventually hopes to include the works of Ibsen,

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Mr. Hannigan Works With Cheerleaders

by RICHARD E. CARPINO

Professor Cornelius Hannigan, a St. Michael's grad and history teacher, is taking on the job of erasing the lack of full student participation found in the cheering at the games. Hannigan, who took over last week as moderator of the cheerleaders, has Jack Burke, senior, as his foreman in charge of the cheer-squad. Burke is assisted by Bob O'Brien and Sal Salerni, the only remaining veteran cheerleaders.

Potential reinforcements are in sight, however, for a quintet of freshmen are trying to gain a place on the St. Michael's cheer squad this year. All have had cheerleading experience in high school.

Hannigan and Burke are well satisfied with the list of candidates which includes: George McGregor, Tom Jones, Rosie Randell, Ernie Harkness, and Frank Corica. Every one of the new cheerleaders has had experience at tumbling acts.

SALERNI COACHES

Sal Salerni, the "Flying Mikeman" from Rutland, Vt., and junior pre-med student is to coach the tumble-cheerleaders. Sal learned the gymnastics at Valley Forge Military Institute.

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NFCCS Group Back After Conference

Five students represented St. Michael's this past weekend in the first regional NFCCS conference of the year.

The meeting, held at Albertus Magnus, was a planning session at which the 20 New England Catholic Colleges discussed their own plans for on-campus activities and also discussed the plans of the region as a whole.

Michaelmen delegates were Walt Coon, Tim Murphy, Bill Kenney, Frank Merrigan and Joe Shea.

Shea was sent to the convention by the SAC in order to take part in the Student Government workshop which was run in conjunction with the conference.

The convention took action on several matters affecting the region as a whole.

The regional congress was set for April 21-23, at the Hotel Copley Plaza in Boston. The theme of this year's congress is Catholic living. This means that most of the congress' activities will be aimed at pointing the difference between Catholic living and just plain 'living.'

Another decision of the conference was to set up a regular May Day program. Since the Communists make it a practice to parade their strength on May Day the convention felt that Catholics as well should display their unity on this day.

Last year a May Day exercise at Albertus Magnus in New Haven, was attended by more than 25,000 with the Mayor of New Haven giving the principal address.

CLUBS SWING TO ACTION

Mission Crusade Puts Up Book Rack In College Hall

The Mission Crusade has received a new shipment of pamphlets, and they will be available at the pamphlet rack on the third floor of College Hall, Father Maurice U. Boucher, moderator of the Club, announced today.

This year the Crusade offers a greater variety of reading material than ever before. Besides the always popular works of Father Lord, there is a complete set of pamphlets published by The Catholic Information Society which covers a diversity of subjects from the Mass to talks on decency and birth control.

Also included in the shipment are a number of larger works which are intended to prepare the student physically and morally for marriage and for the period which follows the honeymoon.

Coming Events

WEEK OF OCT. 16

Mon.
6:30 Outing Club (A.H.)
6:30 Mixed Chorale (C. 5)
7:45 N.F.C.C.S. (A.H.)

Tues.
4:00 Debating (Aq. 202)
6:30 Glee Club (A.H.)
7:45 Chem. Club (S.107)
7:45 S.M. Band (A.H.)
7:45 Writers and Lance (Library)
7:30 Pen and Mike (Bishop DeGoesbriand Hospital)

Wed.
6:30 Choir (Chapel)
7:45 French Club (C.28)
7:45 Dramatics (A.H.)

Thurs.
6:30 Mission Crusade (C.47)
7:45 Glee Club (A.H.)

Fri.
6:30 Choir (Chapel)
7:45 S.M. Band (A.H.)

Sat.
Football - Varsity vs. A.I.C.

Outing Club Plans For Busy Season

The Outing Club, under its moderator Mr. Hannigan opened its first meeting with the election of new officers last week in Austin Hall.

Former president, Jack Burke, gave an outline of the year's coming activities, when he addressed an assembled group of approximately two hundred, the majority of whom were freshmen. Succeeding talks by Mr. Hannigan, Art Fraser and Jack Hamelle expanded upon the unlimited advantages of the club.

The success of last year's carnival is prompting hopes of an even bigger and better time to be looked forward to this year. Aside from the victory dances, hikes and weekly ski trips to Mt. Mansfield, the club also has prospects of erecting a 30 meter ski jump across the street from Old Hall as well as a hut at the foot of Mt. Mansfield.

The newly elected officers are: Pres., Ed Jadatz; Activities Chairman, Jack Hamelle; Secretary, Joe Crowley; and Treasurer, Rip Rowan.

Sophomore Dance Goes Over Big

About 200 Mikemen danced last Tuesday evening in Austin Hall at the Harvest Moon Hop held by the Soph. class.

Music for the dance, which was the first of the regular school year was by "The Ravens" Sextet who offered a smooth rendition of popular hits.

The theme of the decorations featured a Harvest Moon silhouette, rustic birch-rail fence, and corn stalks. Doug O'Neil was in charge of decorations.

Free cider and doughnuts were an added attraction.

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Bill King Leads Pen & Mike Club Into New Year

The Pen & Mike Club started the new school year with a new slate of officers, a new moderator, and a new organizational set-up.

At their meeting last week in College Hall a fine turnout of members, new and old, from St. Michael's, Trinity, and the Newman Club at UVM, elected James "Bill" King, a St. Michael's senior, as president. He succeeds Thomas Kenney, also of St. Michael's.

Other officers elected were: Miss Rem Schoen, Trinity College, vice-president; Miss Virginia O'Brien, Trinity College, corresponding secretary; Miss Janet Kerin, UVM, recording secretary; and Thomas Haughian, St. Michael's, treasurer.

Rev. Charles McIsaac, of the St. Michael's faculty, will be the new moderator of the club. He succeeds Rev. William Mulligan who retired due to the pressure of his duties as Burlington Diocesan Vice Chancellor.

Due to the rapid growth of the club within the past few years a Planning Board has been set up to assist the officers in handling club activities. The board will consist of eleven members, the five club officers and six technical advisors each of whom will be responsible for one phase of the club's work.

This Sunday at 1:30, over WJOY, the club will present a radio play dealing with St. Francis Assisi during his service in the army.

Lance and Writers Are Open To All

The Writers' Club and the Lance, the only clubs privileged to meet in the college library, commenced activities for this college year on October 5. Two of the most popular organizations on campus, the groups meet jointly, on the first two alternating Wednesdays of each month.

The Writers' club is not a "High-Brow" organization, but an intellectual society for all who want to improve on their technique along any type of writing. Membership includes and is open to all who find difficulty in transcribing their ideas to paper, or who have an itch to write.

Meetings are mostly given over to common criticism of prepared papers. There are plans underway to have a few professional writers as guest speakers.

The Lance, the students' literary quarterly, provides an opportunity to all students, regardless of their major field, for literary development in prose and verse.

Material for the Lance does not have to be submitted via the Writing Club. It can be submitted directly to the office of Mr. Edward J. Pfeifer, faculty adviser.

"After Hours"

By Earley and Red

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EDITORIALS

Three Cheers

If the reason that our stands haven't been heard the way they should at football games is too few cheerleaders, that excuse is out the window.

When it became apparent at our first game that a greater number of cheerleaders were needed, something was immediately done about it. The administration appointed Prof. Hannigan to hold tryouts and coach new aspirants, with the help of the regular leaders.

The boys are coming along fine and from the looks of them and the enthusiasm they show, St. Michael's College will be having a first-rate group of cheerleaders -- even without gals.

But no matter how excellent the cheerleaders are, no matter how strong their efforts are, to bring out cheers at a game, it still rests with the stands to give out with the noise.

The cheerleaders will be there at every game ready to lead us in cheers for our team. Let's back them with long, loud, lusty cheers!

'Bulletin Bored'

We are pleased to note that nearly every club has found a way of putting placards up on the school bulletin board. Now if they'd only find a way of taking them down.

HILL WIND

by Charlie Guill & Ed Rouest

Question: " What did you think of this year's registration procedure?"

JOE TIMMONS CROTON, N.Y.
As compared to last year's I thought it much more efficient as it was truly a tremendous time saver.

JERRY BOMBARDIER NORTH ADAMS, MASS.
To me this year's registration was the most efficient yet in the four years I have been in school. Much of the speed with which the student went through should be credited, I believe, to the office help.

TOM SULLIVAN WINOOSKI, VT.
There's no doubt about it that this year's registration procedure was the best system ever.

JIM MONACO FLUSHING, L.I.
Through the three years I've been at St. Mike's, this registration has undoubtedly been the best yet!

RAY KENNEDY HOLYOKE, MASS.
I must say that it was a little better than the preceding years although there is still much confusion involved before registration. I think there should be fewer cards and a little less needless information.

MILTON BOSTOCK BURLINGTON, VT.
This year's registration was at least a 45 minute time saver and that's quite a bit when you have to stand in line. All in all I hope it's here to stay!

JOE POSSEMATO OXFORD, N.Y.
As my first registration in college I thought it fairly long but I imagine it could have been worse.

ED BULGER BROOKLYN, N.Y.
After Freshman Week I was glad to have something to do.

JOE SHAY TROY, N.Y.
I thought the registration procedure was most efficient.

JACK SULLIVAN GLENS FALLS, N.Y.
I thought it was a very smooth procedure and I particularly liked the schedule arrangements.

TOM COURTNEY WORCESTER, MASS.
I thought it was a big improvement over last year's mess.

WALTER NADOLNY N. BELLINGHAM, MASS.
I thought it was a very good system.

MICHAELMAN MEETING
Monday night, 7 p.m.
Guest Speaker

Campus Static

CAMPUS REPORTS AND RETORTS:

A-hunting they will go -- Lennie DeRoma, Dave Gannon, Charlie Guill adjourning to Tex Lupo's hunting lodge for a weekend. Frank Good, alias Professor Wurke of the Delta Mu skit last year, is now taking a Phil. course from the Professor he portrayed and dolefully humming the tune " If I Had My Life to Live Over," while the Professor in question is probably gayly singing " Who's Sorry Now." Bill Piscione attempting a bit of psychology on his gridiron charges by appearing at practice sessions bedecked in Green and Gold. Al Dee has terrific hearts for a certain Ruth of Springfield --- at last ... Jim Garvey has joined the Pen and Mike Club ... isn't that CO-ED, Jim. The Freshman occupants of St. John's are Magna Cum Laude bound according to this month's electric bill. Al Hannoosh's new theme song " All I Want For Christmas is My Two Front Teeth." Jack "Rabbit" Daly's mother was on hand for the Hofstra game to see her son display his gridiron talent. Tom Sullivan is now taking statistics in his French class ... Wha' Hoppen Tommy... " Some have it and some don't" class includes Ken Griffin of Vassar fame. " Spanky" Finn is the Old Hall tonsorial expert this year.

Modern Goldie Locks:
Papa Bear: " Who's been drinking my beer?"
Mama Bear: " Who's been drinking my beer?"
Baby Bear: " Burp."

There was a young lady named Carole,
Who loved to play cards for apparel.
But her opponent's straight flush
Made the little girl blush,
and Carole went home in a barrel.

Via St. Anselm's 'Tower'

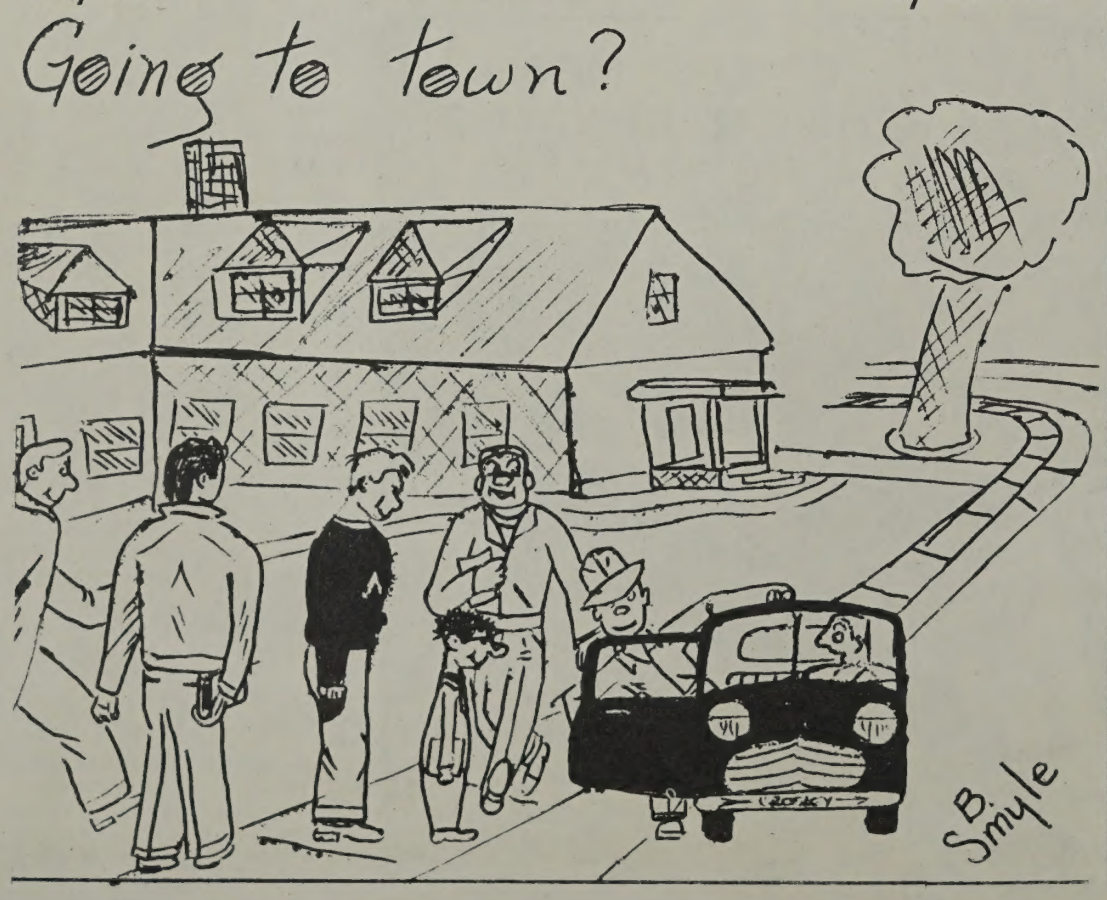
Strong back and weak passions is Bob Quinal now carrying two torches. Prof. Roger Keleher debunked his chemistry for the World Series --- atta boy Rog, a real Yankee fan...

A fellow who drinks too much and too often was finally cornered by his wife in a bar where he was dreamily contemplating a slug of rye. In a genial mood, he offered her a sip; in a belligerent one, she took it --- and then coughed and sputtered. " How can you drink that horrible stuff?" she demanded.

" See?" said the husband, " and all the while you thought I was having a good time!"

Shamrocks: To John Buchan for the erection of the new offices in Old Hall, as they aid the befuddled student in seeking his advisor.

Smyles– By Bernie



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Tony Cauley

Through Gil Wood's column in last Sunday's Daily News, we learned that something has finally been done about bringing St. Michael's and Middlebury together on the gridiron. Gil told about an article that appeared under the byline of Sam Donnellon in the Middlebury school paper ' The Campus.' For those of you who missed Gil's article, Sam Donnellon is sports editor of the Middlebury publication, and in quite a lengthy article he 'got after' Duke Nelson and other Middlebury officials for not seeking a game with St. Mike's.

Let it be understood that neither Mr. Donnellon's article, Gil Wood's nor this one will bring about a meeting between the two schools. But as we said before, something has been done: a step has been taken in the right direction. It is strictly up to the Directors of Athletics at the two colleges to get together and talk things over.

That both the student bodies of St. Michael's and Middlebury are for a game was shown last spring at a meeting of representatives from the four Vermont colleges, held at the University of Vermont. To this meeting Middlebury sent two of their best all around students, who, incidentally, are members of this year's Panther varsity. Both these gentlemen expressed the sentiments of the entire Middlebury student body when they said, " We are all for it." They returned down-state that night determined to do something about the meeting, and we see now that they have at least enlisted the aid of their school paper, which is a good start.

In case you didn't know, that was Whit Bartlett on the public address system at the Lowell game, and we congratulate Whit on a job well done. It was the first time Whit had undertaken the announcing detail and to our way of thinking he handled himself like a veteran. Whit has been writing sports for the 'Michaelman' for three years now. Speaking of Whit reminds us that next week's Hilltopics will be done by him. It's a new policy we have on the sports page, and I know Whit will enjoy doing the column, as I have always had fun shooting the breeze on paper.

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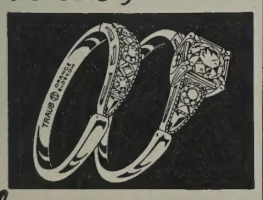
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Frosh Open Slate Jar Norwich 12-0

by DAN TARPEY

The Purple Squires outclassed a scrappy Norwich frosh team, 12-0, last week before a scattered crowd which braved the rain and sleet at Northfield, to witness two promising elevens display their respective powers.

Both teams were constantly hampered by the poor officiating as the officials seemed to huddle more often than the teams. Another drawback was the wet ball which was never substituted for and very seldom wiped off.

However, after eight minutes of the first period had elapsed, the Squires began to move as big John " Cap" Cuppucio, a 200 lb. bone crushing guard from Tilton Academy, pounced on a Norwich fumble on the Norwich 17 yard line.

Capitalizing on the fumble by Norwich, the Squires had their work cut out. Don La Bossiere, an outstanding back from Malden Catholic went off tackle to the 15 yard stripe. Roland " Frenchy" Dumont, the high flying Frenchman, from Manchester Central, reeled off tackle on a delayed buck and reached the 9 yard line. Sam Lopiano then hit the center of the line and made a first down on the Norwich 5 yard line.

Then on a neatly executed pitch out by John Amarel, helped by a Cappucio block, Lopiano was unmolested as he scooted the remaining five yards. The try by " Frenchy" Dumont was short of the uprights.

Early in the third period an exchange of kicks left the Squires on the Norwich 37 yard line.

Once again on five successive plays the Squires were able to reach paydirt. Don La Bossiere started things rolling by sweeping the right end to the Norwich 29 yard line. Pityo went off tackle to the 25

Dumont, once again on a beautiful delayed buck, reached the Norwich 10 yard stripe and " Frenchy" moved to the 5 on a fake reverse. Then LaBossiere swept his right end to make it 12 - 0. The extra point try again failed as the yearlings from St. Michael's were given a 15 yard penalty for roughness.

Forced to improvise constantly because of physically under par manpower, the Mountaineers played an aggressive and constantly determined ball game.

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Introducing

"Pistol" Pete Plourde

by BOB SHINER

Trying to find Pete Plourde for a story is almost as hard as trying to stop the hard running fullback on the football field, but after a few unsuccessful attempts we cornered him during a timeout between classes.

The Bennington General was born March 7, 1928. He attended Bennington High School winning three letters in football and baseball and his senior year was chosen all-state fullback and elected captain of his high school football squad.

Upon graduation he received an athletic scholarship to Cushing Academy in Mass. For outstanding play in football he was awarded the RUDER TROPHY, and for outstanding work in track he was given the JOHN PAUL STARK TROPHY. At the annual track meet at Mt. Hermon Academy for New England prep schools, Plourde ran the 4-40 in 52 seconds and was chosen the outstanding trackman.

Coming to St. Michael's College, Plourde played freshman football where the 5' 9'', 190 pound comet tore through the opposition. But for an oddity Plourde says the best game he played last year was in a losing cause as the Squires went down to defeat before a strong Middlebury frosh squad. Now a member of the varsity, Plourde is a mainstay of a hard charging backfield.

KNIGHTS LICK LOWELL FOR THEIR FIRST WIN

by RAY DOHERTY

Playing before a disappointingly small but spirited crowd the Purple Knights opened up their home season by decisively downing a hapless Lowell Textile eleven 32-0, at Centennial Field last Saturday afternoon.

Once St. Michael's gained possession of the ball in the first period the issue was never in doubt. The Mikemen, scoring in every period but the second displayed plenty of offensive power both on the ground and in the air. It would be difficult to single out any individual stars as the whole team shone.

Shortly after the opening gun Frank Simas of the Knights, sweeping wide to his right side, rifled a bullet pass to Jack Heggarty who outdistanced the Lowell secondary for the first St. Michael's touchdown, the play covering 62 yards.

KRUPINSKY TO MORRIS

Again in the first period Q.B. Ed Krupinsky found the mark as he hit end Ted Morris with a 19 yard pass over the Lowell white stripe and the score stood at 12-0. Dick West then made his first of two conversions and St. Michael's led 13-0 at the end of the first period.

The game tightened up momentarily in the second period as Lowell Textile seemed to regain its strength. At half time the scoreboard still read 13-0 in St. Michael's favor.

In the second half, however, the Purple Knights picked up where they left off in the first period and once again they were on the move.

Apparently victims of fumbleitis, the Lowell team fumbled late in the third period and Heggarty of St. Michael's recovered. Dancing Jack then proceeded to run the ball 12 yards followed by a nifty 17 yard gallop by Pete Plourde. This brought the ball to the Textile 3 where after two tries Marty Conley plunged over from two yards out. West then converted and St. Michael's held a commanding 20-0 lead.

Never letting up for a moment, the Mikemen scored twice more in the final period. After some fine running by reserve backs Cunningham and Smithson had brought the ball deep into Lowell territory, another reserve back Johnny Yurasitz plunged over from the 1.

The final T.D. came as a result of another Lowell Textile fumble which was recovered by St. Michael's. After two runs by Simas had brought the ball to the opposition's 11 yard line, Paul Stapleton playing his first game, uncorked a short jump pass from his Q.B. position to end Ray Cormier over the goal.

Rider Tilt Sun. In New Jersey

by WHIT BARTLETT

The Purple Knights football team plays in New Jersey this week for the first time in the 45-year history of the college. The Knights will play the Roughriders of Rider College at Dunn Field in Trenton, New Jersey, Sunday afternoon.

It will be the third game on the road for the Purple and Gold, who now own a season's record of one win, one loss and one tie. The Jacobsmen continue to be strong defensively. Last year they had only 15 points scored against them and this season they have held their opponents to just 7 points while racking up 38 points themselves.

The Knights may be without the services of their crack center, Dick Klaess, for this one. Klaess received a painful nerve injury in Saturday's 32-0 victory over Lowell Textile. He joins Senior guard, Clem Ferris, on the Knights' injury list. Dan Smithson who received a head injury last week was back in action this week so should be ready for action tomorrow.

Not too much is known of the Rider eleven. They dropped their first game of the season to a strong Bowling Green eleven and nipped Adelphi last Saturday in the closing minutes of play.

The Rider eleven uses the two platoon system. The two big guns on the offensive team are Allan Costill, team captain and a triple threat quarterback, and Pete Jandura an extra point specialist and outstanding scatback. Once again the Knights will be outweighed in the forward wall. The Roughriders have a line averaging just over 200 pounds.

Probable Starting Lineups:

ST. MIKE'S		RIDER
LE	Bob Knight	Jim McWilliams
LT	Guido Forte	Frank Dudek
LG	Jim Whitlock	Joe Anthony
C	Joe Hermans	Jack Moore
RG	George Maloney	Dave Veshesky
RT	Jim Conboy	Harry Gamble
RE	Ted Morris	Alex Chiemingo
QB	Art Coggio	Allan Costill
HB	Jack Daly	Nick Spadaccini
HB	Jack Heggarty	Jim Weldon
FB	Pete Plourde	Sam Kutalek

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Cheerleaders

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Practicing for an hour every day, Sal's men expect to have a system of acrobatics to put on especially for the Norwich game on November 12.

Purple sweaters and white trousers will be the make-up of the team uniform. Varsity cheerleaders will have gold school letters and the Jayvees will sport gold megaphones on the purple sweaters.

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Speaks Mon. Night

Mr. Citarella

At the NFCCS meeting in Austin Hall at 7:45 Monday night, Professor Citarella will speak on his experience in the Italian army in the last war.

His talk, titled, " On the other side of the war," will feature some of his experiences fighting for the Italians and against the Russians.

Sophomore Dance

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The scheduled hay-ride was postponed because of lack of transportation.

Chaperons were: Prof. and Mrs. Ed Murphy, Prof. and Mrs. Joseph Lovering, and Prof. and Mrs. Joseph Amrhien.

Some of those who worked on the dance were: Marty Donahue, chairman; Bill Kenney, hayride; Tom Shields, tickets; Dick Callaghan and Al Fondacaro, publicity; Bob Sullivan, band; and Bob White, refreshments. Sophomore class president, Jim McKown supervised arrangements.

Margaret Webster

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Chekhov, Sheridan, Moliere, Shaw and other great dramatists in the repertoire of her unique company.

Traveling by bus while a specially constructed trailer-truck carries scenery, lighting equipment, costumes and properties used in the two productions, the " strolling players" will present the famed Bard's works in Memorial Auditorium on the afternoon and night of Saturday, October 29. The functional settings, conceived by Ben Edwards, can be set up within one hour.

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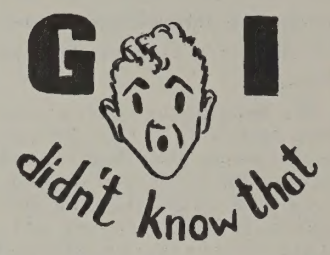
Air Force Here To Seek Recruits

An Air Force Officer team will arrive here Oct. 24 to interview college men interested in careers as officers in the United States Air Force.

The visit to St. Michael's College is part of a Nation-wide program being conducted by the Air Force to build up an officer corps composed in large part of college graduates, said Capt. E.M. Helm, here to make advance arrangements.

Students will have opportunity, he said, to learn about the various officer training programs, the requirements and processing procedure. Those qualified may submit applications and be examined by the Air Force officer team so that they can begin training as soon as they finish college.

The team members, with headquarters at Austin Hall, will explain the opportunities offered by the program.



Extension to November 1, 1949, of the time for enrollment of veterans seeking to re-enter training or to change courses under the GI Bill has been made by Veterans Administration, according to Charles L. Jacobs, Manager of the Vermont Center.

Under the relaxed instruction, all veterans who have made satisfactory progress in school have until November 1, 1949, to enroll in courses of training without the necessity of prior approval of VA for changes of course or re-entry into training after once having completed or dropped out of a course.

Public Law 266, passed last August 24, prohibits veterans from taking GI Bill courses for recreational or avocational purposes, or courses in institutions not in existence for at least one year. The new instruction does not change this prohibition, but after November 1, 1949, a new type certificate of eligibility must be used, which shows the course and school the veteran seeks to enter. This, Jacobs said, will enable a quick screening of applications for certificates of eligibility to make sure the training sought is permitted by P.L. 266.

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" It is a privilege to be in a place where the spiritual values of education are understood." ... This compact statement was made at St. Michael's College, by Mr. Robert Spencer, the new instructor of Sociology and Political Science.

Mr. Spencer is one of the new members of the faculty this year whom every Michaelman will be interested in meeting.

This fair headed, energetic instructor calls Cincinnati, Ohio, his native city. From there Mr. Spencer went to Oxford, Ohio, to begin his college education as a Geology major at Miami University. During his first two years at Miami U., he became interested in Sociology through outside social work he was doing at the time. As a result of this new found interest, Mr. Spencer went to Chicago to finish his college work, emerging from Chicago University with an A.B. in Sociology. After a stint in the army, he did graduate work at Xavier University in Cincinnati and at Johnson State Teachers College here in Vermont.

Mr. Spencer spent three years in the United States Coast Guard, enlisting with the popular rate of apprentice seamen and emerging with the rank of ensign. During his Coast Guard career, Mr. Spencer was " Skipper" of a small freighter in and around the waters of the Philippines.

After being discharged, Mr. Spencer became a tutor for a private family. Here he taught all subjects included in the first nine grades of grammar school. To Mr. Spencer, this experience has become " invaluable" to his teaching career.

Six years ago Mr. Spencer and his wife both entered the Catholic Church. In Jericho, Vermont, where Mr. Spencer now lives, he practices his hobby, that of a " Gentleman Agriculturist." His live stock consists of one brown cow and a few chickens. His chicken population would be larger were it not for the discernible idiosyncrasies of a few local weasels. When Mr. Spencer is not at home, the exploiting of said brown cow and the defense of the chickens are supervised by Mrs. Spencer and their three young daughters.

It is to this congenial educator, agriculturist, and ex-"Skipper" that we extend a hearty welcome and a sincere hope that the years to follow here at St. Mike's will be as enjoyable as possible.

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